

Cells utilise O_2 for metabolism
 produce energy along with substances like CO_2 harmful

Breathing & Exchange of Gases

Exchange of O_2 from atm with CO_2 prod. by cells
 → Breathing.

Mech. of breathing based on Habitat / level of org.

Simple diffusion over entire body surface

Lower inverteb.

Sponges

Cocelenterate

Flatworms

Moist Cuticle

Earthworm

Vertebrate

Fishes (gills)

Reptile, Amphibian, Birds, Mammals

Gills (Branchial Resp)

aquatic arthropod & molluscs

Lungs

(Pulmonary resp)

Terrestrial forms

Amphibian → Frog
 Respire through moist skin
 Cutaneous Respiration

Lungs Inside Anatomically air tight chambers (Thoracic chamber)

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formed.

Dorsally by : Vertebral column

Ventrally : Sternum

Laterally : Ribs

Lower side : "Dome-shaped" Diaphragm.

The anatomical set up of lungs in thorax is such that any change in the volume of thoracic cavity will be reflected in lung (pulmonary) cavity. Such an arrangement is essential for breathing, as we cannot directly alter pulmonary volume.

Respiration steps → Breathing or pulmonary ventilation
 (atm. air (O_2) → in)
 (alveolar air (CO_2) → out)

utilisation of O_2 by cells for catabolic rxn & release CO_2

Diffusion of gases across alveolar memb.

Diffusion of O_2 & CO_2 b/w blood & tissues

Transport of gases by blood.

- o clears air from foreign particles
- o Humidifies
- o bring to body temp

HUMAN RESPIRATORY SYSTEM →

Pair of external nostrils (above the upper lip)

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through nasal passage.

Leads to nasal chamber.

pharynx. (common for food & air)

cartilaginous box
→ sound production.
(sound box)

Larynx region

↓ into

Trachea.
(straight tube
extending upto
mid thoracic cavity)

During swallowing, glottis
is covered by thin elastic
cartilag. flap; epiglottis to
prevent the entry of food into
the larynx.

divides at the
level of T₅

actual
diffusion
occurs here

LUNGS

Right bronchi

Left bronchi

(Primary)

(secondary bronchi)

(tertiary bronchi)

(Bronchioles)

Terminal Bronchiole
(thin)

Alveoli
(thin, irregular
walled)
vesselized bag.
Resp on Exchange

* Trachea

Primary

Sec.

Tert.

Bronchi

Initial bronchioles

C shaped
cartilaginous
rings
(incomplete)

LUNGS (from bronchi to alveoli)

Covered by double layered pleura.

with pleural fluid b/w them.

↓ reduces friction on lung surface

Outer pleura

contact with
thoracic lining

inner pleura

contact with lungs
surface

by creating a pressure gradient
b/w the lungs & the atmosphere.

MECHANISM OF BREATHING

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Inspiration

Atmospheric
Atm. air \rightarrow in

Intra-pulmonary pressure < Atm. pressure

i.e

-Ve pressure in lungs w.r.t
w.r.t atmosph. pressure.

Expiration

Alveolar
Atm air \rightarrow out

Intra pulm. pressure > Atm. pressure.

i.e

+Ve pressure in lungs
w.r.t Atmosph. pressure.

The diaphragm, specialised set of
muscle - external & internal intercostal
b/w the ribs.

• Contraction of diaphragm

Volume of thoracic chamber \uparrow (Antero posterior axis)

Contraction of external intercostal muscle lifts up the Ribs & Sternum causing

Volume of thoracic chamber \uparrow (dorso ventral axis)

Pulmonary Vol. \uparrow

Intra pulmonary pressure \downarrow

Inspiration

We have the ability to increase the strength of insp. & exp. with the help of additional muscles in abdomen.

• Relaxation of diaphragm

Relaxation of external intercostal muscles.

Diaphragm & sternum returns back to orig. pos.

Thoracic Volume \downarrow

Pulmonary Volume \downarrow

Intra pulmonary pressure \uparrow

Expiration

Breathing Rate \Rightarrow 12-16 times/
per min

EXCHANGE OF GASES.

Alveoli \rightarrow primary site of exchange of gases

b/w blood & tissues

By simple diffusion.

based on.

\rightarrow pressure / conc. gradient.

\rightarrow Solubility of gases

\rightarrow Thickness of membranes.

\rightarrow affect rate of diffusion

Partial pressure \rightarrow Pressure exerted by ^{individual} Gases in a mixture of gases.

	Atm. air	Alveoli	Blood (deoxyg.)	Blood (oxyg.)	Tissues
O ₂	159	104	40	95	40
CO ₂	0.3	40	45	40	45

pulmonary artery

pulmonary vein

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- Gradient for oxygen - from alveoli to blood & blood to tissue
- Gradient for CO₂ - from tissue to blood & blood to alveoli

* Solubility of CO₂ is 20-25 times \uparrow than that of O₂.

hence the amt. of CO₂ that can diffuse through. per unit difference in partial press. is higher than that of O₂.

Thickness < 1mm.

diffusion membrane

thin squamous epithelium of alveoli

(single endothelium cell layer) of alveolar capillaries

Basement Substance membrane

(composed of thin basement membrane supporting the squamous epithelium & basement membr. surrounding the single layer endothelial cells of capillaries) in b/w

TRANSPORT OF GASES.

Medium : Blood.

O₂

By RBC : 97% (as oxyhaemoglobin)

By plasma : 3%

↳ by dissolved state

Transport of O₂

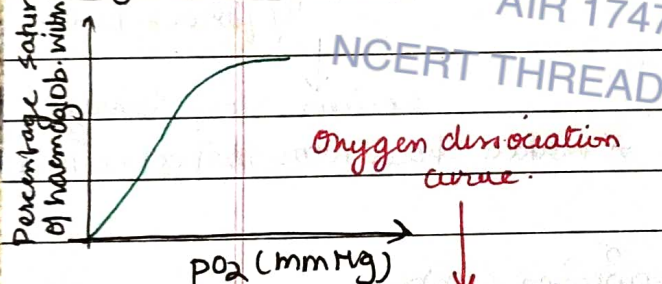
Haemog. $\xrightarrow{\text{inside}}$ RBC

binds in
reversibly manner.
with O₂.

* 1 Haemaglob. $\xrightarrow{\text{carries}}$ 4 molecule. of O₂.

* Binding of O₂ is primarily related to pO₂ but pCO₂, pH & temp also plays an important role.

Sigmoid Curve



Highly useful in studying the effect of factors like pCO₂, H⁺ conc. on binding of O₂ with haemogl.

For formation of haemogl. oxy (HbO₂)

pO₂ ↑
pCO₂ ↓
pH ↑ (H⁺ ↓)
temp ↓

In alveoli
(lung surface)

For dissociation of HbO₂

pO₂ ↓
pCO₂ ↑
pH ↓ (H⁺ ↑)
temp ↑

In tissues

* Every 100 ml of oxygenated blood can deliver 5 ml of O₂ → tissue (under normal physiological cond.)

CO₂

(as carbamino haemoglobin) By RBC ^{carries} 20-25%
By Bicarbonate : 70%.

By plasma : 7%

↳ in dissolved state

Transport of CO₂

The binding with haemoglobin is related to pCO₂, pO₂ is a major factor, affecting this binding.

For form. of HbCO₂.

pCO₂ ↑
pO₂ ↓

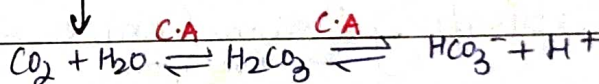
In tissues.

For dissociation

pCO₂ ↓
pO₂ ↑

In alveoli

RBC contains **Carbonic Anhydrase (C.A.)**
facilitates in both direction
minute quantity in Plasma.



At tissue → pCO₂ ↑
(due to metabolism trapped)

bicarbonate
HCO₃⁻
& H⁺

At alveolar site → pCO₂ ↓

CO₂ & H₂O formed

* Every 100 ml of deoxygenated blood delivers 4 ml of CO₂ to alveoli.

Disorders of Resp. Syst.

Asthma

Difficulty in breathing

↓ causing

Wheezing

↓ due to

Inflamm. in bronchi & bronchioles

Emphysema

Chronic disorder

↓
alveolar walls are damaged

↓ due to which

Resp. surface ↓

Caused due to: Cigarette smoking

Occupat. Resp. Disorders

In industries, where involves grinding or stone breaking.

↓
so much dust is prod.

↓ so that.

defence mech. of body cannot fully cope up with situation.

Long exposure.

↓
inflammation.

↓ leading to

Fibrosis (proliferation of fibrous tissue)

↓
serious lung damage.

* Workers should wear protective mask

REGULATION OF RESPIRATION.

Humans → signif. ability to maintain & regulate. → Resp. rhythm

done by **neural system.**

* Role of O_2 is reg. of resp. rhythm quite insignificant.

Respiratory Rhythm Centre → Specialised centre

↓ maintains respiratory rhythm

In medulla. (in brain)

Primarily responsible for its regulation

can alter respiratory mechanism

Pneumotonic Centre → In pons. (in brain)

Moderate the functions of respiratory rhythm centre.

Chemosensitive area

↓
Adjacent to rhythm centre.

Highly sensitive to CO_2 & H^+

↑ increase in these
centre activates

signals

Rhythm centre

↓ make necessary adjustments in resp. process

these subst. eliminated

↓ neural signal for pneumotonic centre.
Reduce the duration of inspiration & thereby

↓ alter respiratory rate.

Receptors associated Aortic arch & Carotid artery → recognize changes in CO_2 & H^+ conc.

Remedial action

Rhythm centre

← signals

Volumes & Capacities

Clinical Significance

The volume of air involved in breathing movement can be estimated by spirometers, which helps in clinical assessment of pulmonary functions.

Tidal Volume

500 ml

↓
In 1 hr

3,60,000 ml — 4,80,000 ml

(360 L — 480 L)

Volume of air inspired or expired during normal resp.

Healthy man can inspire / expire approx.
6000 - 8000 ml air / min

IRV

2500 - 3000 ml

Additional volume of air, a person can inspire by a forcible inspiration

ERV

1000 - 1100 ml

Additional volume of air, a person can expire by forcible expiration.

RV

1100 - 1200 ml

Volume of air in lungs after forcible expiration

By adding up a few respiratory volumes, one can derive capacities
→ helps in clinical diagnosis.

IC

TV + IRV
(3000 - 3500 ml)

Total volume of a person can inspire after a normal expiration.

EC

TV + ERV
(1500 - 1600 ml)

Total volume of air person can expire after normal inspiration.

FRC

ERV + RV
2100 - 3300 ml

Volume of air
remained in lungs
after normal
expiration.

Significance VC

Max^m amt of air that
can be converted/renewed
in Respiratory system
in Single Respiration.

ERV + TV + IRV

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Breath in total
after forced expir-
ation /
breath out
total after forced
expiration

TC

RV + ERV + TV
+ IRV
(Vital capacity
+ RV)

total vol. of
air accomod. in
lungs at the
end of forced
expiration.

Hypoxia

In CO poisoning

Pathological cond. where whole body
or part is not supplied with enough
O₂.

	Atmospheric air	Alveolar air
pO ₂	↑ (higher)	↓ (lower)
pCO ₂	↓ (lower)	↑ (higher)

